

NOTICE OF 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FIRST AMENDMENT TO VOLUNTARY CLEANUP CONTRACT 13-6240-NRP NORTH CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

DHEC (the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control) is accepting public comments on a proposed Voluntary Cleanup Contract Amendment through January 22, 2014.

The Amendment to Voluntary Cleanup Contract 13-6240-NRP will affect approximately 201 acres identified by tax map numbers 408-00-00-002, 408-00-00-003, 408-00-00-004, 408-00-00-005, 408-00-00-006, 408-00-00-042, 408-00-00-055, and 409-00-00-007. A company known as Palmetto Railways ("Palmetto") wants to buy the property from its current owners and lease to The Boeing Company ("Boeing"). This Voluntary Cleanup Contract Amendment will be between DHEC, Palmetto, and Boeing.

The property was previously developed as the Trailwood Mobile Home Park, former tennis court, mobile homes sales office, a radio frequency tower, stormwater ponds, and undeveloped woodlands. General location uses around the property include undeveloped woodlands, residential, various commercial businesses, and a city park.

Palmetto will acquire and lease the Property to Boeing. Boeing intends to develop the property as part of and in connection with Boeing's campus in North Charleston. If this Amendment is implemented, DHEC will allow Palmetto to acquire the property as a "Brownfields Site" because of the potential for environmental pollution. Palmetto and Boeing did not create the pollution, but will take steps to control it to keep the property safe for re-use.

DHEC will not hold Palmetto and Boeing responsible for the pre-existing pollution in exchange for doing work under this Amendment. Under State law, Palmetto and Boeing will not be responsible if anyone is affected by the contamination. Entering into this contract amendment does not reduce the responsibility of any former owners or operators of the site.

Under the proposed amendment, Palmetto and Boeing will test soil and groundwater from the property. If significant contamination is found, Palmetto and Boeing will be required to take additional steps to protect human health and the environment.

DHEC uses Voluntary Cleanup Contracts to return Brownfield sites to productive reuse. The proposed contract is available at http://www.scdhec.gov/environment/lwm/publicnotice.htm. Printed copies may be obtained from the DHEC Freedom of Information Office at (803) 898-3882.

The public may provide written, email, or telephone comments on the proposed contract through January 22, 2014. Questions or comments may be directed to Jerry Stamps, Project Manager, email stampsjm@dhec.sc.gov, telephone (803) 898-0927 or Alex Fulmer, email FulmerWA@dhec.sc.gov or TOLL-FREE telephone (866) 576-3432. Written comments should be directed to either individual at SCDHEC, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201.